TO: Administrator Pruitt

FROM: OPE

CC: Ryan Jackson

RE: Nevada Stops with Governor Sandoval

DATE: February 5, 2018

DRESS: Casual/ Worksite Appropriate. Similar to Gold King Mine Attire. Sandoval is wearing khakis or jeans, a blazer and no tie. He will wear cowboy boots or sturdy shoes that can get dirty.

NOTE: Gov. Sandoval will attend both events.



**Bio:** Brian Sandoval was elected the 30th Governor of Nevada in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. In 2005 he was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Nevada and in 2002 he was elected Attorney General of Nevada. He has previously served as chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission and in the Nevada Legislature. The next gubernatorial election in Nevada is in 2018. Governor Sandoval is not eligible to run due to term limits established by the Nevada Constitution.

# EVENT 1: Coeur's Rochester Mine Tour, CERCLA Hard Rock Event with Miners

There will be a shuttle taking us around a dusty open pit mine.

**Background:** Coeur Mining is a publically traded mining company that operates six mines in North and South America, and has one project in Mexico. Coeur employs 2,200 people and in 2012 it was the world's 9th largest producer of silver. Specifically, Coeur's Rochester mine in Lovelock, NV is an open pit silver and gold mine. The mine consists of the main Rochester deposit and the adjacent Nevada Packard deposit, southwest of the Rochester mine. The Rochester mine itself employs over 200 miners.

Coeur Mining, Inc.'s CEO, Mitch Krebs, has been personally inspired by the President. "As a farm kid growing up in western Iowa in the 1980s, I was fascinated with deal-making personalities like Donald Trump. I read books like The Art of the Deal. The business world

was really romanticized for me. I wasn't quite sure what I wanted, but I definitely had a desire to be involved in management or something entrepreneurial."

#### Attendees:

### Coeur Rochester

200 Miners
Jay Gear, Vice President, Environment
Rob Stepper, Mine Manager
Dana Sue Kimbal, Environmental Manager

#### Nevada Mining Association

Dana Bennett, PhD, President

### State of Nevada

Pam Robinson, Policy Director
Mari St. Martin, Communications Director
Brad Crowell, Director of DCNR
Greg Lovato, Administrator, NDEP
Joe Sawyer, Chief, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
Samantha Thomas, DCNR PIO
Sholeh Moll, Photographer

# EVENT 2- Anaconda Copper Mine Tour & "Deferral" Announcement/Signing Ceremony (see memo).

Similar to the first stop, a shuttle will be taking us around the dusty open pit mine.

Action Item to be Announced: On February 5th, the State of NV, EPA and Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) will announce to the local community that they have reached a set of agreements governing clean-up of this legacy mining operation.

Background: The Anaconda Copper Mine is a closed, approximately 3,400 acre former open pit copper mine in Lyon County, NV. Previous mine operators included the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, which operated the mine from 1952 until 1978, prior to modern federal environmental regulations and state financial assurance requirements established in the early 1990's. Because BP's Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) acquired Anaconda in 1977, ARC is a Potential Responsible Party under CERCLA and has potential environmental liability under Nevada laws. The company formed a town around the site to support its operations, which continues to be home to Nevadans today despite the mine having been closed since 1999. The mining wastes at the closed mine site have been investigated and ARC indicates it has spent over \$100 million to date addressing pollution migration and other cleanup issues. EPA and NDEP have estimated that the first phase of cleanup will cost between \$30 and 40 million, and cost estimates for the final two phases of cleanup are still being developed. The capital cost for the first phase of work will be shared by ARC and NDEP in an approximate 92 % - 8% cost split. Future phases of work will be fully ARC's responsibility.

# **Attendees:**

## ARC (BP)

John C. Mingé, Chairman and President -BP America Robert Genovese, President - Atlantic Richfield Patricia Gallery, Commercial Director Brian Johnson, Commercial Manager Shanan Guinn, Chief of Staff to Chairman and President - BP America Maria Viso, Communications and External Affairs Director Michael Abendhoff, Director, U.S. Media Affairs Jack Oman, Project Manager – Mining

# **Bureau of Land Management**

John Ruhs, Nevada State Director

## Singatse Peak Serivces

Tom Patton, CEO

## EPA - Region 9

Alexis Strauss, Acting RA Enrique Manzanilla

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Samantha Thomas, DCNR PIO
Jeff Collins, Chief, Bureau of Corrective
Actions
Jeryl Gardner, Supervisor, Abandoned Mine
Lands Program
Sholeh Moll, Photographer

